founder Member, has proposed an indicative list of indicators, whose application would determine the agricultural products that could be designated as SPs by any developing country Member. Proposals for guiding the designation of SPs have also been presented by other WTO Members. The agricultural products for designation as SPs by India would be based upon the indicators, once they are finalized under the Doha Work Programme.

(b) Although the US has proposed that up to 5 tariff lines be agreed to be designated as SPs. India and the G-33 have rejected this proposal as being inconsistent with the agreed mandate to designate an appropriate number which is required to be based on the three aforesaid criteria. Other developing country groups, including the Africa Group and the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific countries, have supported the G-33's position in this regard.

Export target for 2007-08

4435. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set new export target for 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the thrust areas of export;

(c) whether giving exemption in exporting agro produce and vegetables will create shortage in the domestic market, leading to upsurge in their prices; and

(d) if so, what action Government contemplate to ensure their adequate availability in domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Government have set an export target of US $160 billion for the current year 2007-08 with major thrust on Exports from rural and semi-urban areas.

(c) and (d) The FTP as updated on 19.4.07 only aims at stimulating greater economic activity and employment generation in the rural and semi urban areas by incentivising exports from these sectors by way of rewards schemes like Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana,

Focus Market Scheme and Focus Product Scheme. The details of these schemes are available in the Foreign Trade Policy and on DGFT website *viz.* http://www.dgft.gov.in. It is not likely to affect availability of agro products in the domestic market or lead to upsurge in their prices.

Fewer ports for export promotion scheme

4436. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 346 airports, seaports and inland depots in our country, only 108 ports have been notified for export promotion schemes; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the reasons for not extending this scheme to all the ports in the country, to save the freight cost of large number of exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Out of 208 ports notified under Customs Act, 1962 (comprising of 36 Airports, 91 Sea Port and 81 Inland Container Depots), 108 ports have been notified in the Foreign Trade Policy (based on relevant Customs Notification) for export promotion schemes administered by Department of Commerce.

(b) Customs Ports are notified for export promotion schemes by Department of Revenue on the basis of factors like availability of infrastructure and trade volume.

Help to retailers by foreign companies in retail sector

†4437. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of permitting foreign direct investment in retail market in the country any stipulation had been made to the effect that foreign companies would lend a helping hand in making retailers financially sound;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.